

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 10-36 are pending. By this amendment, claim 36 is added. Rejoinder of the non-elected claims 7, 10, 19, 20, 24, 26-30, 32 and 33 is requested when claim 1 is allowed.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Marcetich in the November 10, 2010 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Claims 1-6, 11-14, 18, 34 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. 4,364,992 to Ito in view of U.S. 5,830,202 to Bogdanski, U.S. 5,895,381 to Osborn and U.S. 5,582,606 to Bruemmer. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, Bruemmer fails to overcome the deficiencies of the other applied references in disclosing or suggesting an area of the sheet where the two bags that are not provided that occupies 50% or less of an area of the entirety of the sheet in the leak preventer, as recited in the last paragraph of claim 1.

Bruemmer instead discloses a single bodyside liner 14, a single outer cover 12 and a single absorbent core 16. Bruemmer arguably discloses only one bag, and not two bags as claimed. Because Bruemmer discloses a single bodyside liner 14, it is not reasonable to assert that Bruemmer discloses two bags provided separately as recited in claim 1. Bruemmer thus fails to disclose or suggest the features recited in the last paragraph of claim 1 relating to the two bags.

The dependent claims are allowable based on their dependence from claim 1 and for the additional features that they recite. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

As also agreed during the personal interview, Bruemmer fails to disclose or suggest two bags that are spaced away from each other by a first distance as recited in claim 36

because Bruemmer discloses a single bodyside liner 14. Bruemmer thus fails to disclose or suggest the features recited in the last paragraph of claim 36 relating to the two bags.

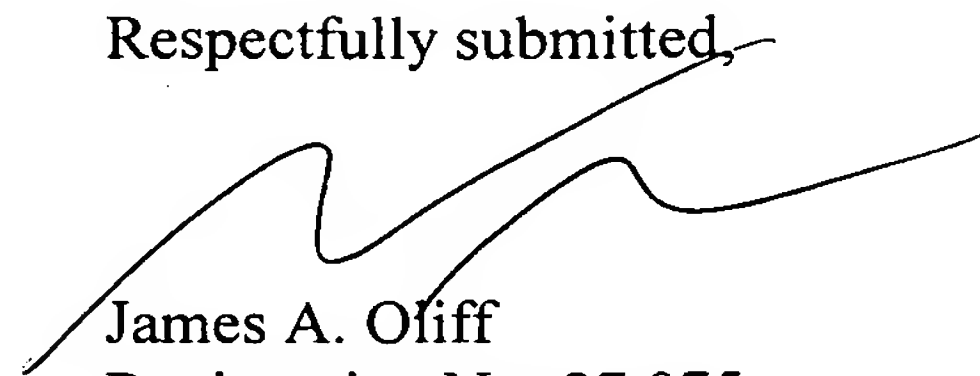
Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ito in view of Bogdanski, Osborn, Bruemmer and U.S. 4,846,813 to Raley; claims 21, 23, 25 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ito in view of Bogdanski, Osborn, Bruemmer and U.S. 5,954,201 to Finch; and claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ito in view of Bogdanski, Osborn, Bruemmer, Finch and U.S. 5,674,214 to Visscher. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Raley, Finch and Visscher fail to overcome the deficiencies of the other applied references as applied to claim 1. The dependent claims are allowable based on their dependence from claim 1 and for the additional features that they recite. It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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